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Momentous Day For China GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT

CHUNGKING, JAN. 11.—GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, SHORTLY AFTER A LONG-AWAITED TRUCE BROUGHT AN ORDER FOR IMMEDIATE END TO CHINA'S CIVIL WAR, THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO LEGALISE ALL POLITICAL PARTIES.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD FREE ALL PURELY POLITICAL PRISONERS, GRANT THE PEOPLE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND PROMOTE LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT.

The Generalissimo, opening the political consultation conference almost simultaneously with conclusion of the "cease fire" agreement added to China's most momentous day since the Japanese surrender, by announcing:

1. To grant the people freedom of person, conscience, publication, association, and to safeguard them against illegal arrest and trial;

2. All political parties shall be equal before the law and may operate openly within the law;

3. Local self-government will actively be promoted in all places and popular elections will be held;

4. Political prisoners, except traitors and those found to have committed definite acts injurious to the republic, would be released.

COMMUNIST APPROVAL.
Gen. Chou En-lai, the No. 2 Communist leader in China and the No. 1 negotiator for the party in Chungking, approved the four points and declared that they form the basis for achieving constitutional government.

The "cease fire" order, which may be of historic import to China, was issued after Gen. Chiang Chun, the government representative, and Chou En-lai met with Gen. George C. Marshall, the special American envoy, nine hours ahead of the scheduled time.

It was announced dramatically in a statement handed to newsmen shortly before the political consultation meeting opened.

PEIPING H.Q.
The truce provided for immediate establishment of executive headquarters in Peiping, with three commissions—central government, Communist and American—to carry out details of the agreement.

It was stipulated that the truce did not prejudice military movements south of the Yangtze river for continued execution of the government's military reorganization plan. It also agreed that the United States participation in the executive headquarters commission at Peiping would be solely for the purpose of assisting the Chinese members in implementing the orders for cessation of hostilities.

Chiang Kai-shek in his speech opening the political conference said that the government is ready to accept all the decisions of the conference "if they are beneficial to national reconstruction, tend to promote the popular welfare and can help in the democratization of the country."

THE THREE PRINCIPLES
He said the whole country wanted Dr. Sun Yat Sen's three principles put into practical operation and all peoples of the world sincerely wish China to become a united, democratic, strong nation.

"Therefore, we must see to it that the National Assembly be convened according to schedule (May 5) and that constitutional democracy be ushered in at an early date." — Associated Press.

TRUCE COMMISSION
Under the terms of China's "cease fire" agreement, three members were designated to-day to the commission that will establish headquarters at Peiping to assure the carrying out of details of the agreement.

Gen. Chan Chieh-shan, head of the military council's intelligence section, will represent the Central Government; Gen. Yeh Chien-yin, chief-of-staff of the Communist armies, will represent the Communists; and Walter Robertson, United States chargé d'affaires in Chungking, will be the American member. — Associated Press.

Free Fags Out

Yokohama, Jan. 11.—Pity the fag-smoking American soldiers of occupation in Japan! There will be no more free cigarettes for them after Monday, Eighth Army Headquarters announced, explaining that they will henceforth be sold in post exchanges (where they are tax-free at about 6 cents U.S. a package). Military policy in the Pacific has provided for free issues of cigarettes in what are considered to be forward zones. — Associated Press.

Furushima Can't Take It

YOKOHAMA, JAN. 11.—LIEUT. CHOTARO FURUSHIMA, FOUND GUILTY OF MISTREATING PRISONERS OF WAR, TO-DAY SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT BY THE U.S. MILITARY COMMISSION.

The former prison camp commander stood erectly but was on the verge of tears as the sentence was announced. His wife heard the verdict but showed no emotion.

The prosecution sought the death sentence in the third war crimes trial here. Furushima was held responsible for the starvation to death of one American prisoner and brutal treatment of others.

The commission found defendant innocent of two specifications alleging that he denied inmates adequate food, clothing and medical facilities. — Associated Press.

ORGANISED JEEP THEFT GANG

MANILA, JAN. 11.—UNITED STATES ARMY MILITARY POLICE ANNOUNCED TO-DAY THE ARREST OF 17 PERSONS ON CHARGES OF COMPLICITY IN A WELL-ORGANISED JEEP THEFT RING. FIFTEEN JEeps HAVE BEEN RECOVERED.

Capt. M. H. Traylor, chief investigator, said the ring gave printed "ownership" papers to buyers of stolen jeeps which had been sold to Philippine army officers.

The arrested group comprised six American enlisted men who were AWOL (absent without leave); 11 Philippine army officers and four employees of a printing shop. — Associated Press.

Savage Dogs Legacy Of Occupation

A carpenter attached to the Naval Dockyard working party at Stonecutters Island had a narrow escape yesterday morning when he was attacked by an Alsatian dog, believed to have left behind on the island by the Japanese.

The dog, stated to be fully grown, ran down from the hillside and attacked the carpenter, Li Man, from behind. A foreman of the party who had a revolver immediately opened fire at the animal, which dropped to the ground after three shots.

The man, who received injuries to his left thigh, was treated privately.

This kind of Alsatian dog was specially trained by the Japanese for patrolling at night, in the dark streets, during the occupation.

In many cases, dead bodies lying in the street, with the flesh bitten away, were the work of this type of animal during the occupation.

STILL SOME ABOUT
The dogs were released by the Japanese during the evening, and were returned to their kennels at the Botanic Gardens. — Associated Press.

SHIDEHARA TO STAY IN OFFICE

TOKYO, JAN. 11.—THE SOLUTION OF JAPAN'S WEEK-OLD CABINET CRISIS APPEARED LIKELY TO-DAY AS THE CABINET MET IN ITS REGULAR SESSION AND A USUALLY INFORMED SOURCE AT THE PREMIER'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE PREDICTED ITS RESIGNATION EN BLOC.

TOKYO NEWSPAPERS ALSO AGREED THAT THE CURRENT TREND IS POINTED TOWARD TOTAL RESIGNATION, AND THE NEWSPAPER "YOMIURI HOCHI" PREDICTED IT WOULD OCCUR TO-DAY.

The source said he expected the resignations to-day or to-morrow. He denied the Kyodo News Agency story, last night, that Premier Shidehara had decided to remain in office while dropping only a few Ministers from his Cabinet.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Daizaburo Tsuruoka told the Japanese press last night the situation was still "unpredictable." However, he acknowledged that a total resignation was possible.

Tsuruoka, the leader of the Cabinet faction originally proposing only partial reorganization, although he is probably one of the Ministers to be dropped in any reformation.

The source said it was not clear at present whether the Premier would receive an Imperial order to form another Cabinet if mass resignations were made. He added some quarters around the Premier are "hopeful" that this might be done.

CORRUPT REMNANT
Meanwhile the "Reform" Daily News, published by Japanese awaiting repatriation from Shanghai, said editorially that the Japanese public will demand elimination of the Shidehara Cabinet if General MacArthur permits it to continue on the basis of replacing six undesirable members.

The newspaper said replacement of the undesirable "alone will in no way change the Cabinet's status." It said the old premier lacked the support of the Japanese public, and in attempting to continue in power represented "a losing battle by the former ruler elite."

The paper described the Cabinet as a remnant of the "old corrupt power," which was unequalled to serve in present circumstances. — Associated Press.

SOME RESIGNATIONS
Tokyo, Jan. 11.—Premier Shidehara's three-month-old Cabinet voted to-day to attempt to reorganize to meet General MacArthur's purge directives, with Shidehara remaining as premier, Cabinet Secretary Daizaburo Tsuruoka announced late to-day.

He said some of the ministers would resign, but the Cabinet would not announce the names nor number involved until later. He said the decision may come to-night or to-morrow. The reorganization report came after a day-long Cabinet meeting. — Associated Press.

As soon as day broke, most of the dogs were killed by the Authorities when the colony was reoccupied. However, there is still a small number of them at large. Some time ago a warning was issued that stray dogs without owner or muzzle would be shot.

MITSUBI FIRM ON LIST
Tokyo, Jan. 11.—The mammoth Oil Paper Manufacturing Company which Allied Headquarters said was closely linked with the Mitsui interests and was the producer of half of Japan's paper, was to-day placed on the Allied list of restricted companies along with its 40 subsidiaries.

A total of 328 Japanese companies affiliated with eight zaibatsu and other large holding companies were restricted on Dec. 11, 1945. — Associated Press.

ARMED ROBBERIES ON INCREASE IN COLONY

The Weather

To-day's forecast: — Easterly winds; fair to fine.

Yesterday's temperature: — Maximum—64 degrees at 2.00 p.m. Minimum—53 degrees at 7 a.m.

THE CRIME WAVE IN THE COLONY, MARKED BY THE DISQUIETING INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ARMED ROBBERY CASES, IS NOW BEING ATTACKED BY THE AUTHORITIES THROUGH A SYSTEM OF ROUTINE SEARCHES OF HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES ON THE ISLAND AS WELL AS ON THE MAINLAND.

It is believed that gangsters are concealing themselves among respectable citizens, and are using hotel premises both as meeting places and as places in which to lie low after a crime has been committed.

Several arrests of persons suspected of being involved in robbery cases in Hong Kong have been made by the Police recently as a result of these routine searches.

An intensive drive is on and the police expect to have most of these dangerous criminals rounded up and behind bars.

On Thursday night, Chief Detective Inspector J. O'Donovan, assisted by Sub-Inspector MacKenzie and a party of Police Officers raided premises in Queen's Road West, and arrested a young Chinese with two revolvers in his possession.

With the present activity and double patrols being posted in all districts, the Authorities hope to have full control of the situation in a short time.

"BENEVOLENT GOVERNMENT"
The suggestion that a contributing factor to the frequency of cases of illegal possession of arms in Kowloon was an inclination on the part of those still carrying such arms to take advantage of a benevolent government, was made by Det. Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes at the Summary Military Court, Kowloon, yesterday.

Det. Sub-Inspector Sykes requested a heavy sentence on Lau Choi, 23, convicted of the possession of a .38 long revolver at the Boston Cafe, 619, Shanghai Street, first floor, on Jan. 5. Two other defendants, charged with conspiracy with first accused to commit an unlawful act, were acquitted.

Addressing the Court, Sub-Inspector Sykes said that the revolver was a Hong Kong Police pre-war issue of the type used by the Flying Squad. These had been surrendered to the Japanese in December, 1941. As the Court could not adduce sufficient reason to convict the two other accused, Det. Sub-Inspector Sykes requested that an example be made of first accused as a deterrent to further cases.

"WORK AGAINST TRAITORS"
Accused pleaded that he had been a farmer in Balking in the New Territories and had come in possession of the revolver when it was issued to him after joining a guerilla troop during the Japanese occupation. He was carrying the revolver about with him as he was still engaged, he stated, in work against traitors.

The Magistrate, Lt. F. G. Nigel, imposed sentence of 2½ years imprisonment.

Fighting In Russian Area Of Persia

TEHERAN, JAN. 11.—THE IRAN GOVERNMENT REPORTED TO-DAY FIGHTING HAD BROKEN OUT IN TWO RUSSIAN-OCCUPIED PROVINCES IN NORTHERN IRAN.

A Ministry of Interior official said the outbreaks occurred in Chalus on the Caspian Sea in Mazandaran province and at Kazvin in the province of the same name.

He said that one was killed and two wounded in Kazvin, where "a group of immigrants and strangers" fired upon voters during a provincial election.

The Ministry official said the attacks came after "attempts to intimidate the voters" failed. Kazvin is 90 miles northwest of Teheran. It is a southwest outpost of the Russian zone of influence. — Associated Press.

U.N.O.'S First President Is Only 46

LONDON, JAN. 11.—PAUL HENRI SPAAK, SOCIALIST FOREIGN MINISTER OF BELGIUM, WAS YESTERDAY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

IN A SECRET BALLOT VOTING HE RECEIVED 23 VOTES WHILE THE NORWEGIAN MINISTER TRYGVE LIE, THE ONLY CANDIDATE NOMINATED FROM THE FLOOR, RECEIVED 23 VOTES.

Spaak was supported by the British, Russian and the United States had favoured Lie in pre-ballot discussions.

Lie was nominated formally by Andrei Gromyko, Russian Ambassador to the U.S., and head of the Soviet delegation.

The newly elected President of the U.N.O. General Assembly, was born into politics. His mother, who is a member of the Belgian Parliament, was the first woman to enter Parliament.

New 46, Spaak was elected to Parliament as a Socialist in 1932 after five years as a lawyer. He became a member of the Belgian Government as Minister of Transport in 1935 and later that year was named Minister of Foreign Affairs.

FORMER PREMIER
In 1938 he was appointed Prime Minister, an office which he held until February 1939. He was then leader of the Belgian Socialist Party. In September 1939 he joined the Pletier Government as Foreign Secretary and devoted himself to the Belgian war effort in London.

Spaak was the only member of the Pletier Government to join the Van Acker Government and is reputed to be one of Belgium's best statesmen.

Spaak is a member of the Belgian Royal Academy of French Literature. He headed the Belgian delegation at San Francisco and the Belgian delegation to the Preparatory Commission in London, of which he was elected Vice-Chairman. — Associated Press.

Liberated!

Tokyo, Jan. 11.—Kyodo News Agency to-day said that the Tokyo Brothel Keepers Association has decided to abolish the system of licensed prostitution and liberate 300 girls.

Prostitutes will operate for themselves, paying only for room and board, Kyodo said. They will be permitted to refund money they owe the brothel keepers on an easy payment basis. — Associated Press.

RAF-NAVY HUNT FOR PIRATES

A Fleet Air Arm "Corsair," R.A.F. Spitfires and a high speed of 1,500 horse-power R.A.F. rescue launch shared yesterday in a climax to two days' operation against pirates near the Hong Kong area.

On Wednesday, two fishing junks captured by two brothers were challenged and attacked by two motor junks. One of the junks fought the pirates for over an hour and managed to escape, the other was captured by the pirates.

The pirate junks and their prizes were believed to have made for Mira Bay.

The "Corsair" spent a day reconnoitring and R.A.F. Spitfires of 132 Squadron based at Kai Tak also went out.

UNABLE TO ATTACK
The two pirate vessels and the junks were located but the aircraft were unable to attack owing to the presence of a number of junks and fishing boats in the vicinity. At the same time the rescue launch kept scouring the area to prevent the junks from reaching land, but due to the many inlet hideouts, the junks were able to disappear under cover of approaching dark and reached Chinese territorial waters.

The fishing boat that had been captured by the pirates had been robbed of its catch and was rescued by combined Navy and R.A.F. Forces.

PHONE STRIKE AVERTED

New York, Jan. 11.—The threatened disruption of the nation's telephone service was averted temporarily late Thursday when the communications workers union postponed until Monday its plans to picket telephone exchanges in 44 states.

The Western Electric installation workers who are on strike called off the scheduled picketing shortly after Secretary of Labour Schwollenbach conferred by telephone with the union president, who agreed to confer in Washington on Friday with Schwollenbach and company officials. — Associated Press.

COMING TO H.K.
Shanghai, Jan. 11.—Rear-Admiral O. Turner Joy and his staff sailed for Hong Kong to-day aboard his flagship U.S.S. "Los Angeles" to head the United States Fourth China naval force. — Associated Press.

New Kaiser Auto

DETROIT, JAN. 11.—KAISER-FRAZER CORPORATION ANNOUNCED ITS PROPOSED KAISER AUTOMOBILE WILL BE A FULL-SIZED, LIGHTWEIGHT, SIX-PASSENGER, 35-HORSEPOWER, SIX-CYLINDERED, FRONT WHEEL DRIVE MODEL.

The car by the most famed of the nation's wartime private shipbuilders is scheduled for production sometime in May at the former Willow Run bomber plant, the largest in the United States.

It will carry the engine forward of the front driving axle. The body and chassis will form a single unit.

Prices were not announced, but it is reported it will sell around U.S. \$1,000. — Associated Press.

PRACTISING FOR WHAT?

Athens, Jan. 11.—It took an Albanian election to disclose that two divisions of the Albanian Army are in Yugoslavia, near the Greek Macedonian border. Their presence became known when the question came up of how the troops were to vote.

Official explanation was that the troops simply had not returned from Yugoslavia after the battle for liberation. An Albanian captain told the Associated Press his unit, there was "practising." — Associated Press.

MOJI WAS LUCKY

Miami, Florida, Jan. 11.—Glenn Babb, Associated Press foreign news editor who examined the wreckage in atomic-bomb Nagasaki, told an editors' meeting here to-day that he was informed Nagasaki was bombed because for his the victory target of the mission—the twin cities of Moji and Shimonoeki. — Associated Press.

Surprising Turn In Sessions Case

The evidence adduced in support of the Crown's case since accused was first represented by Lt. J. and later by Mr. Sin only bore the impression that there more than met the eye.

A formal verdict of not guilty was entered by the Court.

JAPAN'S TRAGIC DOUBLE-CROSS

Matsuoka Disclosed Peace Plan To Germany

U.S. Failed To Keep Its Promises

NEW YORK, JAN. 11. THE NEW YORK "TIMES" TO-DAY TOOK THE UNITED STATES SHARPLY TO TASK FOR WHAT IT CHARGED WAS FAILURE TO MAKE ANY SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN THE REHABILITATION OF THE PHILIPPINES.

"DESPITE DENIALS FROM MANILA OF ROBERT HARRIS' CHARGES OF ARMY BUNGLING AND PROFIT-SEEKING BY UNITED STATES BUSINESS IN THE PHILIPPINES THERE IS NO GROUND FOR COMPLACENCY IN THIS COUNTRY OVER OUR ACTIVITIES TO DATE IN HELPING REBUILD THOSE WAR-RAVAGED ISLANDS," SAID THE NEWSPAPER.

"Most of the fine promises we made last Spring and Summer, while the war still was in progress, have not materialized into actual accomplishment since the coming of peace."

"Barrett has good ammunition."

Collaborator Issue In P.I.

Washington, Jan. 11. A Department of Justice official to-day reported that the Attorney General Mr. Tom Clark is sending a special fact-finding commission to the Philippines to study the status of collaborationists.

He said that one member has already arrived in Manila. Mr. Walter R. Hutchinson, special assistant to the Attorney General. The same source said that President Truman had asked Clark to send a commission to prepare recommendations on the United States interest in collaborationists. He said the chief question to be decided is whether the Philippine collaborationists committed treason against the Philippines Commonwealth or against the United States.

"If the commission decides that treason was committed against this country, it may necessitate the creation of an American extra-territorial court in Manila."

He said that thousands of alleged Philippine collaborationists have been arrested. Some trials have been held and some convictions obtained before the People's Courts. Associated Press.

SWEDISH RELIEF WORK IN GERMANY

Berlin, Jan. 11. British authorities here to-day announced that Swedish Red Cross relief teams have entered the Hamburg and Ruhr areas in the British sector to feed and clothe German children.

Food and clothing for relief was shipped here on Swedish ships and all costs of the project are being paid by the Swedish Government. Associated Press.

Mexico City, Jan. 11. President Avila Camacho to-day blamed the Guanajuato State authorities for the recent political disturbances there in which thirty were killed and 300 injured. Associated Press.

"HONG KONG \$ DIRECTORY" WARNING

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Floods

Atlanta, Georgia, Jan. 11. Flood-stricken southern states are digging out from under debris and mud as swollen rivers in most sections began receding after leaving 25 dead in five states and property damage estimated in the millions.

The areas affected included the major rivers in Kentucky, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia and Mississippi, east of the Mississippi river. Associated Press.

C.I.'s Approve Eisenhower Demob. Move

MANILA, JAN. 11. GENERAL "IKE" IS THE HERO OF GI'S IN MANILA TO-DAY.

News that General Eisenhower had authorized overseas theatre commanders to send home men not needed in their theatres, regardless of their discharge points, came as a total surprise to many thousands of troops in the Philippines, many of whom have been cabling congressmen and friends with demands for a demobilization speedup.

When the first Associated Press report on the statement by the chief-of-staff went out over the telephone, began ringing and crowds gathered around the city, whooping with joy.

Lieut. Gen. W. D. Syer, commander in the Philippines, declined to comment, pending receipt of the directive officially.

However, a soldiers' committee plans to go ahead with its request that Secretary of War Patterson and a congressional committee hear soldiers' complaints when they arrive in Manila next week. Associated Press.

Promises For Rumania

Bucharest, Jan. 11. The newly formed government of Premier Petru Groza announced to-day the guarantees required of it by the foreign ministers agreement for recognition by the United States, Russia, Britain and conclusion of peace treaties with the "big three."

A spokesman said the Rumanian cabinet in an extraordinary session agreed to hold general elections "within the shortest possible time" and a "universal secret ballot open to all anti-fascist and democratic parties." He also said that the cabinet will insure freedom of speech, press, and religious assembly. Associated Press.

Yamashita Committed No Crimes!

Washington, Jan. 11. The U.S. Supreme Court set aside an extra hour to hear final government arguments in support of the war crimes trial procedure in Manila which condemned Lieut.-General Yamashita to death.

Solicitor-General J. Howard McGrath and his assistant Harold Johnson will seek to convince the high Tribunal it should not interfere with the Manila verdict.

United States attorneys appointed to defend Yamashita likewise were given a final few minutes to sum up their contention that the trial of the Japanese leader was not one "such as Americans know" and therefore should not be allowed to stand.

In response to this argument McGrath said: "Any enemy belligerent who invades our territory gains no legal rights thereby and is not entitled to recourse in our civil courts. War between the United States and Japan has not ended, McGrath told the Justices, adding that American soldiers were still being killed on the islands.

He continued that the military in the Pacific War crime trials are carrying out the declared intention of the President and Congress of the United States to bring about the apprehension and prosecution of war criminals. He said that intention is the established foreign policy of the United States with which civil courts should not interfere.

Revelations In Konoye Memoirs

(By Murlin Spencer).

TOKYO, JAN. 11. IN A GREAT AND TRAGIC DOUBLE-CROSS, JAPAN DISCLOSED TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IN JULY OF 1941 THE TERMS OF ITS PROPOSED PLAN FOR PEACE WITH AMERICA EVEN BEFORE IT WAS FORWARDED TO THE UNITED STATES. PRINCE FUMIMARO KONOYE'S MEMOIRS DISCLOSE THAT THE THEN FOREIGN MINISTER YOSUKE MATSUOKA ORDERED A SUBORDINATE TO INFORM GERMANY OF THE PLAN AT A TIME WHEN THE UNITED STATES WAS SEEKING ASSURANCES OF JAPAN'S GOOD FAITH.

Konoye, three times Premier of Japan who committed suicide to avoid arrest as a suspected war criminal, related that negotiation which had been going on since April halted when Germany attacked Russia in July of 1941.

It was not the first time in Konoye's memoirs that he laid the blame for difficulties with the United States on Matsuoka, whose arrest also was ordered by General MacArthur.

Matsuoka prevented Japanese acceptance of an American peace plan early in 1941 and stalled the conversations for eight days while he sought to learn Germany's attitude on the negotiations.

Konoye said Japan was surprised by the German attack on Russia and indicated strongly that Japan, although a member of the tripartite (Axis) pact, was not advised in advance.

With the negotiations halted, Konoye's memoirs continue, President Roosevelt sent him a message asking for definite word regarding reports that "Japan will start military action against the Soviet."

U.S. Ambassador Grew delivered the note direct to Konoye, the former Premier wrote, and that angered the by-passed foreign Minister.

AGGRESSORS' COHORTS Konoye assured Mr. Roosevelt Japan would not move against Russia, the cabinet already had met and decided not to start action "for the time being." But he said he took the opportunity to ask if the United States "really has intentions of entering the European War."

To this question, Konoye wrote, the President replied on Aug. 10 that "the motivation of the right of self defence against Germany is natural."

The note continued—"sincerely" Konoye thought—that "at this time the United States will regard those who force the United States to stand by idly as the cohorts of the armed aggressors."

Konoye said that earlier in July Matsuoka went to Emperor Hirohito and made this statement: "To-day, with the German-Soviet war having started, Japan should cooperate with Germany and attack the Soviet Union. For this it is best to hold back temporarily from the southern Regions, but we will have to fight soon."

It was in this atmosphere of disquiet and uncertainty, Konoye said, that negotiations were resumed with the United States.

Konoye sought to clarify Japan's position by writing a note to Matsuoka. He told his foreign Minister that until the Russian problem was settled, no show of force should be made in the south Pacific and "from this viewpoint it would be good to suspend such action as occupying French Indo-China."

AMERICAN HELP Konoye declared it was imperative that Japan obtain American help in filling sore needs for various materials, and that it was important to begin immediate peace negotiations with Chungking through United States help.

Matsuoka replied he was in fundamental agreement and said that "from today I will think of the American problem seriously."

Konoye wrote that the United States in returning a revised negotiation plan on June 21, 1941, deleted a Japanese proposal that the two countries co-operate in mediating the European War.

In Konoye's view, that "implied that the United States would until the very end drive ahead for the destruction of Germany."

He also interpreted the revision as seeking an understanding from Japan that should the United States enter the war on "being provoked" by Germany, Japan would not take up arms.

The United States also told Konoye in an oral statement "it had been ascertained" that some Japanese in influential government positions had pledged "to support National-Socialist Germany and its conquering policy."

That, said the late Prince, made Matsuoka "increasingly more uncooperative," and he demanded that the negotiations with the United States be cut off.

Unable to stand against Matsuoka, Konoye said he called on the Army, Navy and Home Ministers and obtained from the Army and Navy a joint opinion that:

MATSUOKA STALLS 1. Japan's attitude toward the European war should be decided by treaty obligations and the necessity of self-defence, while demanding the right to use force in Pacific if necessary.

2. If a breakdown was to come in negotiations, the breakdown "should be delayed until after we occupied French Indo-China."

Despite this Army-Navy pressure, Konoye said Matsuoka stalled and pretended illness when the cabinet asked that revisions be returned to the United States for consideration.

Matsuoka finally approved the revised plan on July 14, 1941. It differed from the American plan of June 21 in that it revised the article proposing joint action to terminate the European war.

(Germany was winning at the time and Japan's plan would have left her master of Europe.) As for the Tripartite Pact, Matsuoka's plan said: "In case the European war should be expanded, the government of Japan will decide upon its attitude only by the consideration of carrying out its treaty obligations and defending its own country's welfare and security."

Since such a Japanese counter-plan at last had been completed, Konoye wrote, anyone would think that it immediately would be carried to the American side.

"RUDE NOTE" But the Foreign Minister had the opinion that "first an instruction telegram for the refusal of the oral statement should be issued and then the counter-plan be sent two or three days later."

This telegram termed the United States oral statement a "rude, irrational note" and said that "unless the United States Government first abandons its Japan cannot drive ahead the discussions on an understanding plan."

Over the objection of the Army and Navy and contrary to the agreement with Konoye for sending the telegram and counter-plan simultaneously, "in the late hours of July 14 the Foreign Minister sent only the instruction telegram rejecting the oral statement."

The next day, Konoye wrote, the Foreign Minister made chief of the European Bureau Sakamoto inform the German side of the final Japanese plan, which had not yet been presented even to the United States.

The Konoye Cabinet had reached the end of the road. It could continue no longer. Associated Press.

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Another G.I. Outburst

Seoul, Korea, Jan. 11. Thousands of American soldiers at a mass meeting to-day vociferously but respectfully demanded Congressional inquiry into the demobilization slowdown.

The resolution stated: "We cannot understand the war department's insistence on keeping an over-sized peacetime army overseas under present conditions." Lieut. Gen. John R. Hodge was present to answer the soldiers' questions. Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 11. The Philippine Resident Commissioner's office to-day announced that veterans of the first world war from Arizona have honoured Carlo Romulo with a post in the American Legion there. Associated Press.

JAPAN AND U.N.O.

Tokyo, Jan. 11. The newspaper "Asahi" in an editorial to-day said Japan was obligated "to send our wholehearted encouragement" to the United Nations Organization because "the fatal blow to the League of Nations was given by Japan and Germany."

It added that the late Emperor Taisho in a receipt had urged Japan to support the League but "our statesmen and militarists have failed to follow their justice of the world."

Japan which was once a League member is now a defeated country. Associated Press.

BELGIAN DISPUTE

Brussels, Jan. 11. A Cabinet rift between Communist and Socialist ministers led Premier Achille van Acker to dissolve the Belgian Parliament.

The action calls for the first general elections in the nation since 1939. Informants said the rift involved the government attitude toward a streetcar operators' strike at Liege. Associated Press.

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NOTICE

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Flag Flying Restricted In Shanghai

Shanghai, Jan. 11.

In future foreign residents of Shanghai may fly their national flags only on their national days and other occasions for celebration, and then with the Chinese flag.

This is made clear in a statement issued by Mayor Chien Ta-chun quoting instructions received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Chungking.

"As various foreign settlements in this country have been retroceded," the statement said, "foreign nationals enjoying the protection of our Government should hoist our national flag jointly with the flags of their own countries according to international usage."

In the days of the International Settlement and French Concession, foreign residents hoisted their national flags whenever they wanted to.

The Mayor's statement added that, according to international usage, only the offices of foreign diplomats may daily hoist the flags of their respective countries, and without the accompanying flag of the resident nation.

LEGAL THEORY BEHIND WAR CRIMES TRIALS

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

Joseph B. Keenan, Chief United States war crimes prosecutor, said today he was preparing to start the trial of former Premier Hideki Tojo about March 1.

Keenan asserted, in discussing the legal theory behind the war crimes trials, that "a nation alone doesn't keep or break treaties and covenants. It is the people within a nation who have control that force such acts. The prosecution is based on the theory that these persons are responsible for their crimes."

Associated Press.

ITALIAN VICE-PREMIER VISITING ENGLAND

London, Jan. 11.

According to the Italian Embassy press spokesman, Pietro Nenni, Vice-Premier of Italy and Secretary-General of the Italian Socialist Party, is expected to arrive in England next Tuesday.

Nenni, who yesterday was elected Vice-President of the Italian Constituent Assembly, has been invited to England by the Labour Party which said his visit would be "unofficial."

Associated Press.

PROTECTING POWER HANDS OVER

London, Jan. 11.

Sweden today returned to Finland the "care of Finnish interests in Great Britain."

The protocol completing the arrangements was signed by Mills von Wachensfeldt, head of the B-Department of the Swedish Legation, and R. Knorring, the Finnish Legation Councillor.

Sweden had acted as a "protective power" of Finland's interests in Great Britain throughout the war.

Associated Press.

Egypt's Growing Importance

LONDON, JAN. 11.

THE NOMINATION OF EGYPT AS A MEMBER OF BOTH THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION SEEMED CERTAIN YESTERDAY AS THE 51 NATIONS ATTENDING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MET FOR ITS OPENING SESSION.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS LEARNED FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE THAT THERE WILL BE WIDE SUPPORT FOR EGYPT TAKING HER PLACE WITH THE FIVE OTHER NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS, WITH THE "BIG-FIVE"—UNITED STATES, RUSSIA, BRITAIN, FRANCE AND CHINA—ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

It will be their immediate job to consider all possible steps to prevent a breach of the peace in the event of a major crisis in any part of the world.

Egypt has two outstanding claims, said authoritative sources, to playing such a role.

Membership in the Security Council will be on the basis of an even geographical distribution. Enjoying special treaty relationships, as she did with Britain, and lying athwart British Empire communication lines, Egypt seemed a natural choice, it was said.

Also Egypt is regarded as the leading Arab nation and as such was assured of the support of the Arab League countries. These include Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia, all of which are members of the General Assembly.

ARAB VOICE

Egypt played a leading role in the debates of the Preparatory Commission and with the Middle East as a sensitive spot in world relationship the Arab nations were viewed as determined to have a voice in the councils that would decide its future policy.

The tendency of Britain to delegate to the United Nations responsibility for solving Middle East problems was seen by informed sources as another argument for strong Arab representation.

The problems of Iran in relationship with Soviet Russia, the Levantine States with France, and Egypt with Britain in her demands for a revision of the 1936 Treaty and greater control over the Sudan, all led to the Arab States to seek a strong voice. With Britain apparently decided upon passing her Palestine mandate to the United Nations, the Arab countries felt it necessary to be strongly represented in the Trusteeship Council, it was pointed out.

Associated Press.

NO 49TH STATE FOR THEM

Washington, Jan. 11.

The "Times-Herald" said in an editorial today: "Hawaii does not seriously qualify for statehood." It suggested that the Philippines will become the 49th State in the Union.

The majority of the 7,000,000 Filipinos feel that they want to come in. It said that Filipinos would provide a loyal native population in a quarter where these things are of value. The paper's proposal, which it said, calls for serious consideration, brought a quick reply from the Philippine Resident Commissioner, Carlos Romulo, who said: "The course of the Philippine ship of state is set and that course is for independence."

Associated Press.

Too Much Time to Think

Washington, Jan. 11.

Major Vladimir G. Urse, Army Psychiatrist, today said that the demonstrations by G.I.'s overseas was due partly to their having too much time to think about home.

He said that now the war was over, men have much more time for thoughts of home and home assumes an even greater value.

He said that methods for the relief of such thoughts include work, recreational, educational and other constructive activities to keep the men busy. He added: "More definitely, planned schedules for departure would be helpful in removing some of their apprehension."

Associated Press.

WAR CLAIMS POOL

Washington, Jan. 11.

The United States has asked Britain and France to exclude Latin-American countries from the Allied reparations system and permit them to settle war claims by pooling some \$500,000,000 in German assets frozen in 20 countries. Any Latin-American country suffering a deficit in its claims could draw upon the surplus of another.

Associated Press.

BRITISH WARSHIPS IN TOKYO

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

Arrival of the British cruiser Aronaut was announced today at Allied Headquarters. Also in Tokyo Bay are the New Zealand destroyers Achilles and four destroyers of the British task force 57. The Achilles will proceed to Hong Kong.

Associated Press.

EISENHOWER TOUR

Ottawa, Jan. 11.

General Dwight Eisenhower embarked on a busy schedule on the second day of his four-day visit to Canada on Thursday after receiving a friendly Canadian welcome. He is scheduled for a Canadian-wide radio broadcast and a "tail-on-Prime Minister MacKenzie King."

Associated Press.

SICILY UPRISING

Rome, Jan. 11.

The Italian carabinieri and security police were reported to have put down an uprising of 1,000 Sicilian separatists after a pitched battle near Palermo.

Associated Press.

SPAIN WAS TO ATTACK GIBRALTAR

Nuernberg, Jan. 11.

The International Military Tribunal was told today that Nazi Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop had informed Mussolini in a 1940 conference that Spain was preparing to attack Gibraltar. He had said that the attack was to be Franco's declaration of war on the Allies.

In Madrid, Spanish Foreign Minister Martin Arata declared at a press conference: "Despite the rigorous critical examination to which the documents found in the Chancelleries of defeated nations have been subjected relating to the Spanish attitude in the struggle it has been possible to prove with all certainty that Spain was absolutely neutral in the conflict."

In London, United States Secretary of State James Byrnes said at a news conference he was willing to confer on British-American-French relations with Franco's Spain. He said he had no plans to bring it up himself.

France had proposed that the three countries review their relations with the Franco government.—Associated Press.

CHINESE U.N.O. DELEGATES

Chungking, Jan. 11.

Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh, who was originally to head the Chinese delegation to the general assembly of the United Nations Organisation, now has decided he will be unable to proceed to London, particularly in view of the coming unity conference which is to try to achieve a final settlement between the Government and Communists.

Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, Chinese ambassador to London, will head the Chinese delegates.

Wang Shih-chieh had hoped to be present for at least part of the assembly meeting.—Associated Press.

U.S. RICE QUOTA CUT

Washington, Jan. 11.

The amounts of rice allocated to United States civilians in the next quarter of 1946 will be less than previous periods in order that the amounts exportable to the Philippines and China may be held to the highest possible figure, the Department of Agriculture states.

The total supply available for allocation this quarter is 5,780,000 bags.

Further, to direct all that is possible to Pacific areas, the Department said that no allocations will be made to Europe, Cuba or United States territories.—Associated Press.

EMERGENCY CALL FROM TOKYO

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

The first emergency telephone call from Japan to the United States was made today by Private Vinson P. Pettit of Alva, Oklahoma, at the cost to the soldier of 540 Yen (\$36) for nine minutes.

Pettit made the call from Tokyo to Wichita, Kansas, under the new service established by the civil communications section which permits emergency calls between Tokyo and the United States.—Associated Press.

American Comment On Indonesia

New York, Jan. 11.

The New York "Herald Tribune," in a leader on the Indonesian problem today, says: "While no authentic announcement has been made it seems obvious that the British are urging a compromise solution of the revolt in Java."

"There has been a number of strong indications of British willingness to make concessions to the natives. The most recent of them was the British rejection of the services of most of the Dutch marines sent to Java, after training in America. The only marines accepted were used to replace the troublesome Indonesian policemen."

The paper adds: "It should be accepted by the principal colonial powers that the revolt in south-east Asia cannot be suppressed by force alone."

"In view of Britain's economic position it is difficult for the British to make concessions at the moment to native movements anywhere, and what is done in Java will have repercussions in Malaya and Burma."

"It thus seems probable that the British attitude on Java is based on the appreciation of realities rather than upon British political and economic needs and desires."

"It implies the belief that the age of imperialism is near its end and that colonial powers will be forced to trim their sails to this change of wind."

Associated Press.

Nazi Assets In Europe

Washington, Jan. 11.

American diplomatic officials say the British and French have agreed to confer with United States officials this month on steps to uncover Nazi German assets hidden in neutral European countries.

They said the United States seeks a three-power agreement to exert diplomatic and economic pressure on the neutrals, if necessary.

They said the action would be designed "to put teeth" into the United Nations aim to seize all German assets in Switzerland, Spain, Sweden and Portugal. Similar action will be discussed for Ireland.—Associated Press.

FREE EDUCATION In Malaya Urged

Singapore, Jan. 11.

Malaya's problems will be forcefully presented to Britain when Mr. Harold Davies, M.P. for Leek, Staffordshire, returns after a tour of south-east Asia.

Davies declared he would take up the question of rehabilitation of the tin and rubber industries. He added that for the Labour Government's policy of encouraging desire for self-government to be a success in Malaya, there was need for a great educational drive among the local population.

A system of free education was imperative, he said.

There was urgent need, too, for revision of workers' salaries in the tin and rubber industries, he concluded.—Associated Press.

NO EMPTY BERTHS

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

General MacArthur issued instructions yesterday to the United States army in the Pacific that no ship is to return to the United States with an empty berth. He instructed all commanders that they release men in the order in which they would next become available for return home in order to fill all spaces on all ships homebound.—Associated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

We witnessed the same type of mistake twice recently in one of New York's best bridge clubs:

North Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

B. A 7 3

H. A

D. J 7 6 5 2

C. Q 9 8 3

S. 10 8 4

H. K J 8 5 2

D. 10 4

C. K 10 4

S. 9 6 2

H. 10 7 4 3

D. K 9 8

C. 7 6 2

B. K J 5

H. Q 9 6

D. A Q 9

C. A J 6

The bidding:

North East South West

Pass Pass 1 S Pass

2 D Pass 2 NT Pass

3 S Pass Pass Pass

South should have opened with one no-trump, but after the actual bid of one spade, North found herself unable to show her "maximum pass." The diamonds were too shabby for a jump to three diamonds, the spades were too weak for a jump raise, and the singleton heart need not have been shown. Two diamonds was the best bid she could make at that point.

Now South had to bid two no-trump, a rebid which shows considerable strength and levies a game. And once again North had a problem. If South had a five-card spade suit (a distinct possibility despite his failure to rebid spades), the only game might lie at spades rather than no-trump; or perhaps, there might even be a slam in the cards. Those avenues would be left unexplored if North just raised to three no-trump, so North bid three spades.

And here South, with amazing inconsistency, passed, fearful that North was trying to "sign off." South forgot that he had invited a game and that North's bid of three spades was a forward-looking bid—hence an acceptance of the game invitation. Had North held a weak hand, she would have raised spades on the first round instead of showing her diamonds, or she could have passed two no-trump. Instead of bidding three spades, South's inconsistency thus was responsible for missing an easy game.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

B. 7

H. A Q J 8 6 5

D. K J 9 4

C. K 6

The bidding:

Jacoby Maier You Schenken

Pass Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid one heart. You have ample strength for an opening bid and have no reason to attempt a suit out bid of three hearts or any other unusual stratagem.

Score 100 per cent. for one heart, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby Maier You Schenken

Pass Pass 1 H Pass

1 S Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow).

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NOTICE

There will be road transport for members to Fanling on Sundays and holidays starting Jan. 13, 1946 as follows:—

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Intending players are warned that there are no seating facilities provided on the vehicle, and a small charge may be made.

D. H. BLAKE,
Captain.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, (HONG KONG.)

Medical Branch

NOTICE

The Public is again reminded of the necessity for boiling fresh milk before consumption as the pasteurising plants are not yet in operation.

Raw milk may carry various types of infection and the fact that the milk is in bottles should not be regarded as a guarantee of its safety.

J. P. FEHLY,
D.D.M.S. (C.A.)

REPATRIATION NOTICE

NO. 55

H.M.S. "EKMA"

The undermentioned persons are listed for embarkation:—

SINGAPORE

Miss Tang Kim Yee
Mr. Chan Sou Yan
Mr. Lam Kwok Fong
Mother Victoria Carr
Sisters Aida Nardi, Aida Penzo, Josephine Vigano,
Margaret Rangel and
Wilhelmina Pestano.

INDIA

Mr. N. F. H. Chinwala
Mr. G. M. Carim
Mr. H. N. Mehla
Mr. A. R. A. Sonji
Mr. K. V. D. C.
Miss Anne A. Thom.

HONGKONG passengers will assemble at Queen's Pier at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, January 14, 1946, and KOWLOON passengers will assemble at No. 2 Pier, Kowloon Wharves, at 10.00 a.m. to await Embarkation Officer.

Passengers must NOT board the vessel without first obtaining their embarkation cards, which will be issued at assembly point.

The above does NOT include passengers listed by RAPWI.

H.M.S. "VASNA" FOR AUSTRALIA.

Passengers listed for Australia are to note that H.M.S. "VASNA" will take the place of H.M.S. "SPEAKE". The date of sailing is unaltered i.e., 17th January, 1946.

REPATRIATION OFFICE.

11th January, 1946.

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CHARITY DANCE

The Hongkong Welfare Association charity dinner dance will be held in the Officers' Club, Gloucester Hotel, on Jan. 10 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

There will be a special ferry at 1.15 a.m. and early reservation of tables is advised.

Good Soccer Games Over The Week-End

SEVERAL INTERESTING FOOTBALL GAMES WILL BE WITNESSED THIS WEEK-END IN THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE AND THIS AFTERNOON'S GAME BETWEEN SOUTH CHINA AND ROYAL ENGINEERS SHOULD BE WORTH WATCHING. ENGINEERS WERE NOT FULLY EXTENDED AGAINST CIVILIAN "B" LAST WEEK BUT ON FORM THE TEAM IS A STRONG ONE. LAWS, THE GOAL-KEEPER WILL STILL BE UNAVAILABLE AND THE LINE UP WILL PROBABLY BE THE SAME AS LAST WEEK.

Lee Wai-tong is not present in the Colony but it is not yet known if he will turn out to-day. South China did not give a very promising display last week and will have to play very much better if they hope to get full points from the Suppers.

To-morrow's games should be keenly contested. Royal Air Force are to meet Navy "B" who beat Kwong Wah last week. Air Force are making a number of changes in their line up. Should the newcomers come up to expectation, Air Force should be able to extend Navy, composed of a number of players from H.M.S. Nabatecher who have a strong side.

CHINESE DERBY

Civilians will be without D. Leonard and MacDougal for the game against Commandos, but Archibald will be playing in the defence. Brown will be seen in goal. Commandos will field the same team as last week.

Jack and McLeish played well in the attack and these two players should be watched. Smith, on the left wing is another dangerous player.

The Chinese Derby between Eastern and Kwong Wah will be played at Causeway Bay. Both teams were unpleasantly surprised last week and both will be all out for a win to enable them to keep in the running for the Championship. Hsu King-seng will return to the pivotal position for Eastern who also hope to have Hsu King-seng included in the team. Kwong Wah are not anticipating any changes in their side this week.

CIVILIAN TEAMS

The following will represent the civilians in their League football games this week-end. Civilians "A" v. Commandos to-morrow. Sookunpo: J. Brown, A. J. Hussain, D. Alves, Leck, H. Archibald, and M. Xavier; G. Gosano, R. T. Gosano, P. Jorge, T. Alves, A. Collico and C. Santos. Civilians "B" v. Navy "B" to-day, Causeway Bay. S. Box, V. Ribeiro, D. Aquino, R. Wilkinson, A. Leonard, H. Mathias, J. Castilho, G. Marshall, R. Cruz, T. Knight, J. Pereira and W. Maher.

ENGINEERS XI The following will represent R.E. against South China to-day: Caves, Moran and Harris; Townsend, Brenan and Wise (Capt.); Ross, Humphries, Thorne, Lamb and McLaughlin. Reserve: Campbell.

The following is the week-end programme: SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 South China v. R. Engineers (Sookunpo ground, at 3.30 p.m.) Referee: Sgt. P. F. L. Linesmen: P. O. Noble and F. A. Barnetto.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 R.A.F. v. Navy "B" (Recreio ground, at 3.30 p.m.) Referee: K. K. Ip. Linesmen: A. Adohead and L. S. T. Mullins. Civilians "A" v. 44 R.M. Cdo. (Sookunpo ground, at 3.30 p.m.) Referee: A. McCorkindale. Linesmen: L. L. G. Young and A. C. Roberts. Eastern v. Kwong Wah (Navy ground, at 3.30 p.m.) Referee: C. P. O. Bartlett. Linesmen: L. J. Anderson and A. R. Samy.

Spurs Losing Gibbons

London, Jan. 11. A. H. Gibbons, Tottenham Hotspur F.C.'s amateur international centre-forward, is likely to be lost to Spurs soon. He is considering business offers that would take him either to the North of England or the Argentine. He will make a decision within the next month.

Gibbons is nearing the end of his demobilisation leave after 10 years in the R.A.F. He has been offered an interest in an insurance brokers business in the North. The Argentine offer is a Government one, as an advisor, coach and lecturer on sport. He has been offered a year's contract with option to renew for two more.

There has also been a chance of a managerial job in football for Gibbons. Gibbons says that if he goes North he will join a Northern club and might turn professional. "Though it will be a big break to leave Spurs after so long," he said. He first played for Spurs in 1937. Before then he had played for Brentford and Kingstonian.

Girls Tilt At Softball

(By "ONLOOKER") In addition to the two men's encounters to-morrow morning at a girls' exhibition game will be played immediately after the men's games, at Recreio ground, King's Park.

A free-for-all will be staged to-morrow morning when the Macao "Donah" Beauties will go all out to take the paint off the Local "Glamour" Girls "The Wildcats". This is a case where the female species are far deadlier than the male! Out for the scolding party are: Lilla "Nightingale" Xavier (Colony) and Macao Champion (twice), Terry Noronha (formerly Big Chief of the Green-shirted "Vahoons" and also an express courier and an excellent third baseman. Mind you, Oh! she plays third base better than all of you boys put together). Maggie Xavier, Therese Baptista, Patry and Gerry Jorge, Aida "Sweet-as-apple-cider" Rozario, and Celeste Marques.

Sizzling catcher Wildcat Big Chief Boris Mar Lum will lead the following "Sizzling-hot" Wildcats: Sheila Sequeira, Thelma Collico, Dolly Brown, Cynthia "Simbad the Sailor" Motta, Patry Ribeiro, Irene Castro, Irene Castilho and the Macao clan Gloria, Lily, Virginia and Mary and a good game is forecast. So be there for the Battle Royal.

Arbitrators for this game will be "Doc" Molten (Colo), Robbins and "Lefty" Moosdeen at the bases. HERE AND THERE Aida "Sweet-as-apple-cider" Rozario (formerly one of the best short-stops for the Colony and for the "Little Flower Club") will be turning out for the Macao Beauties, and it is a cinch to see her playing in her usual position to-morrow after an eclipse of four years in the Colony. She is a sizzling short-stop with an express speed of throwing to any bases and if her arms are in form to-morrow she will not put out all the Wildcats to breezes.

Army Clamps Down On Free Speech

Honolulu, Jan. 11. Military censorship finally came to the Honolulu edition of "Stars and Stripes," the outspoken Army newspaper, as soldiers' criticism of demobilisation procedures flared throughout the Pacific.

"Stars and Stripes" was forbidden by Lieut.-Gen. Robert C. Richardson to make any "discourteous" references to the President, the Secretary of War, the Chief-of-Staff or others in authority in the Army. It also was forbidden to publish soldiers' letters which could be construed as discourteous or derogatory to military authority.

The order holds the paper's staff strictly responsible and subject to disciplinary action for violations, but exempts news received from news services.

TOKYO CHARGE

Twenty-six staff members of "Stars and Stripes" published in Tokyo charged it had been usurped in the demobilisation "crisis" and converted into a "house organ for the War Department."

They charged that Lieut.-Col. James Parks, the officer-in-charge, "broke faith" by publishing without their knowledge a letter from a radio commentator who criticised soldiers for demanding quick discharges and reminded them that their buddies lost their lives in the war.—Associated Press.

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

The following will represent Thunderbolts in a friendly hockey game against Medical Corps, on Murray Parade Ground this afternoon at 4 p.m.: Nazarin, Pritim and Grewal; Hassan, Yusuf and Abbas; Samy, Wahab, Yusuf, Ebrahim, Nino and Jangeer.

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COBB TO TRY AGAIN

Salt Lake City, Jan. 11. Gus P. Backman, Chamber of Commerce Secretary, says John Cobb, London fur broker, will be invited to try for a new auto speed record on the Bonneville Salt Flats in 1947.

Cobb set a mark of 368.9 miles an hour over a measured mile on the flats in 1939.—Associated Press.

Bouncing Basque Still Active

Paris, Jan. 11. Jean Borotra, the bounding Basque, now 47 years of age, is nearly through with top class tennis, but may participate in next summer's French Doubles Championships.

In future Borotra, a former French Davis Cup star, will play mainly for relaxation.

Only recently he won an indoor tournament in Paris without appearing to have unduly exerted himself.

Borotra was an Artillery Captain until France collapsed after which he made a 150-mile journey through enemy held territory to continue to fight.

Unable to get to England he accepted from Marshal Petain the post of National Commissioner for Sports and General Education in the Vichy Government. Petain refused to accept his resignation but after 20 months he lost his post on the return of Laval.

When North Africa was invaded Borotra tried to reach Algiers through Spain but was arrested, spending six months solitary confinement in a concentration camp near Berlin, from which he made several attempts to escape. He was finally liberated by the advancing allies in May 1944.

Returning to Paris he was placed under "guarded residence" like other Vichy men, but his name never came up and probably never will.—Reuter.

Feller Gets Big Contract

Cleveland, Jan. 11. Pitcher Bob Feller has signed a new contract with the Cleveland Indians making him the highest paid hurler in the history of baseball.

The 27-year-old former Iowa farm boy, who was released from the armed forces during the past season, signed a one-year contract which is believed to call for \$50,000 a year. The figures were not disclosed officially.

The previous top salary for a pitcher was reportedly between \$20,000 or \$25,000 paid to such baseball stars as Dazzy Vance, Dizzy Dean, Charles Ruffing and Carl Hubbell. Feller had been in military uniform since 1941.—Associated Press.

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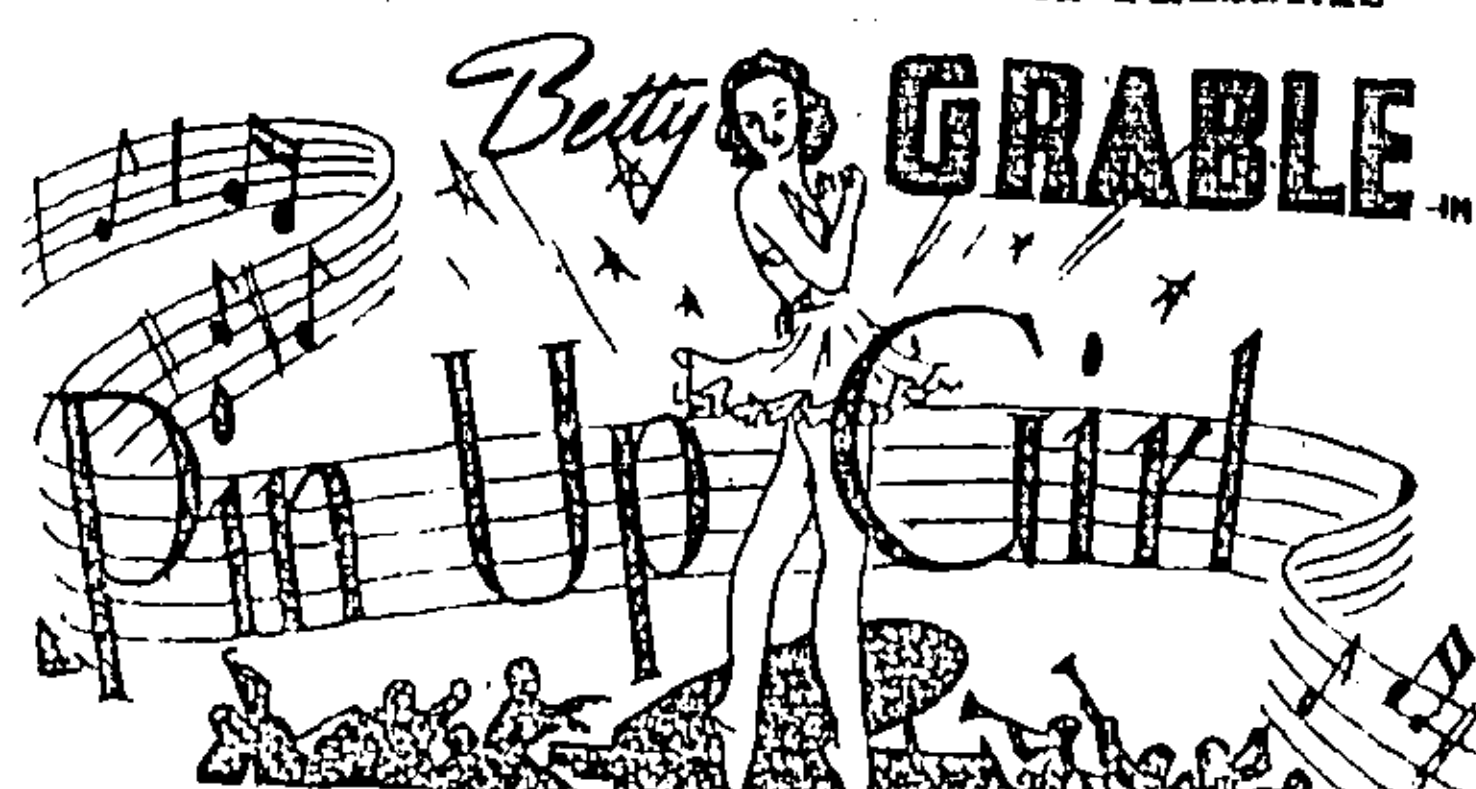
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Only Survivor Of Massacre In Bataan

MANILA, JAN. 11. A SLENDER YOUNG FILIPINO CAPTAIN, PEDRO L. FELIX, ONE OF THE ONLY SURVIVORS OF A MASSACRE OF 400 FILIPINO OFFICERS, TO-DAY CONFRONTED IN THE WAR CRIMES TRIAL COURTROOM THE JAPANESE COMMANDER ACCUSED OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BATAAN "MARCH OF DEATH" ATROCITIES. LIEUT. GEN. MASAHARU HOMMA.

Felix peeled off his shirt and exposed a back with four dark spots. They were scars left by four bayonet thrusts in April, 1942, when he and Japanese guards lined up 400 Filipino officers at the edge of a ravine and killed them by bayoneting or beheading.

Felix said the order to kill was given personally by General Nara, a subordinate of General Homma. He said the victims were lined up, sitting down, their hands tied and eyes closed. Then the Japanese interpreter told them: "This is your fate. If you had surrendered earlier, perhaps you might not have killed you." Then the Japanese guards began frenzied killing.

Five men were still alive, gashed and bleeding when the Japanese left but three died later. He said Felix, only Major Eduardo Vargas survived. Vargas followed Felix to the witness stand and corroborated his testimony. An other witness, a Filipino captain, testified that he saw Homma drive along the line of march in an officer's car with a company commander. Associated Press.

Indian Interest In Trusteeship Council

London, Jan. 11. India's delegation to the United Nations Organisation session here is "actively interested in the Trusteeship Council," Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar, Chairman of the group, declared to-day in an interview.

The Indian committee head declined to discuss the possibility of his election to the Trusteeship Council, Sir Ramaswami said. "It is necessary that India should be on it."

The work of the Social and Economic Council, he believes, would take three years to complete.

It was learned that while other committees, including the Security Council, would be changing their Chairman every session, the Chairman of the Social and Economic Council would remain in office for one year. Among his many functions would be the calling together of an International Trade Conference this summer.

PATTERSON TOUR
Yokohama, Jan. 11. War Secretary Robert Patterson to-day returned by plane from Hiroshima after a quick tour of southern Honshu Island. Patterson also inspected Osaka, Kobe and Kure. Associated Press.

TRADE CONFERENCE
After these agreements have been considered by the Trusteeship Committee, the General Assembly will give them its attention," he said.



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Mr. Attlee's "Life Or Death" Warning

LONDON, JAN. 11. THE UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY, CARRYING FORWARD THE WORLD'S HOPES FOR PREVENTION OF AN ATOMIC AGE WAR, CAME INTO BEING IN BATTLE-SCARRED LONDON TO-DAY UNDER A BALD WARNING THAT IT HOLDS IN ITS HANDS THE CHOICE OF "LIFE OR DEATH" FOR MANKIND.

THE WARNING CAME FROM BRITAIN'S PRIME MINISTER CLEMENT ATTLEE AFTER DR. EDUARDO ZULETA, OF COLOMBIA, HAD RAPIDLY THE DELEGATES OF THE 51 UNITED NATIONS TO ORDER IN THE INITIAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY AT 10.03 G.M.T.

"It is for the peoples of the world, through their representatives to make their choice between life or death," Attlee declared in his blunt, clipped speech.

"The coming of the atomic bomb," he said, "was only the last of a series of warnings to mankind that unless the powers of destruction could be controlled, immense ruin and almost annihilation would be the lot of the most highly civilised portions of mankind."

Thus the British summarised the great twin task facing the Conference: the creation of a special commission to work out peace controls for atomic energy and organization of the 11-nation Security Council designed to prevent an atomic war.

ULTIMATE AIM
Attlee continued: "I welcome therefore the decision to remit the whole problem of control of atomic energy to a commission of the U.N.O." The decision was made at the Christmas Conference of the Big Three Foreign Ministers.

Members in Moscow who agreed on the setting up of an 11-men commission.

"In the discovery of atomic energy, we can see clearly before us in tangible form the question that faces the modern world."

"Here is an invention fraught with immense possibilities on the one hand of danger and on the other of advantage to the human race," he said.

"It is for the peoples of the world, through their representatives to make their choice between life or death."

"Let us be clear as to what is our ultimate aim. It is not just the negation of war, but the creation of world security and freedom, of a world which is governed by justice and moral law," he concluded. Associated Press.

POWER DISTRIBUTION

London, Jan. 11. Five key nations, the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China, are reported authoritatively to-day to be in agreement on the distribution of power within the United Nations Organisation as the General Assembly begins its second day of the conference to outlaw war.

These five powers automatically receive a vice-presidency each and said it was agreed that India and Venezuela get two unassigned vice-presidencies.

The peace agency's committee chairmanship is reported to have been allocated as follows: Political and Security Council, Poland; Economic Council, Poland; Social Council, New Zealand; Trusteeship Committee, Uruguay; Administrative Committee, Syria; Legal Committee, Panama. Associated Press.

NO PREFERENCES

Tokyo, Jan. 11. A spokesman for General MacArthur stated to-day that the Supreme Allied Headquarters has no preference between soldiers and civilians on the new Far Eastern Commission, which now is in Japan. Representatives on the Council are decided by their respective countries. The statement was prompted by recently published stories that MacArthur preferred army officers in the advisory group. Associated Press.

CHINA'S COTTON

Washington, Jan. 11. The Commodity Credit Corporation to-day forecast that China's aspiration to become self-sufficient in cotton by increased production will be slow in realization.

C. C. Smith, Chief of the Corporation's Cotton Section, said China had but a few hundred thousand acres of cotton land with demand for China's cotton production during war years falling below anticipation. Associated Press.

CLASSICAL RECITAL

The programme for to-morrow's gramophone concert at the Catholic Centre, King's Building, contains items from many important works, including Rimsky-Korsakov's "Le Cœur d'Or," Moussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition" and Wagner's "Die Walküre." There are also songs from "Peer Gynt" and "Il Trovatore."

The main item is Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E Minor, with solo part played by Yehudi Menuhin. The concert begins at 8.15 and is open to all.

AUSTRALIAN JAM

The manager of the Kwong Lok Compro Store, No. 108, Johnston Road, Teo Sheng, 25, was fined \$25 by Mr. A. of Azeall at the Summary Military Court yesterday, for acquiring two tons of Australian jam of type issued to the Forces, without a duly authorised permit.

Accused pleaded guilty and said that he bought them from the street. He did not know they were provided for the Forces only.

Sub-Inspector Ewins was in charge of the case.

WOMEN REGULARS

Washington, Jan. 11. Senator Elbert Thomas, Utah Democrat, said to-day that the United States is making a big mistake unless she continues to consider W.A.C.s, W.A.V.s and other servicewomen as part of her regular armed forces.

He suggested 6,000 to 8,000 volunteer women soldiers to be made part of the permanent regular army. Associated Press.

Persia Turns Down British Proposal

Teheran, Jan. 11. Finance Minister Haghir told the Majlis (Parliament) to-day that the government has decided to reject the tri-partite commission proposal made by the British and American Governments.

Haghir's statement was made after two members of the Majlis attacked the proposal in speeches which drew extended rounds of applause from the deputies.

"The government has determined," he said, "and Parliament is strongly opposed to American and British proposals for a tri-partite Commission to study Persian internal affairs and therefore has decided to reject the proposal." Associated Press.

PREFER TO STAY IN U.S.

San Francisco, Jan. 11. Mitigation hearings at the Tule Lake relocation camp for Japanese may save some of 1,000 Nisei from being deported to Japan despite their renunciation of American citizenship during the war.

The federal court granted a continuance until Feb. 11 for a group which renounced citizenship but now wishes to avoid deportation.

The Japanese-Americans' petitions filed in November contend the individuals renounced their birthright under strong pressure from "fanatically pro-Japanese" residents of the relocation camps. Associated Press.

FANTASTIC CLAIM ON LLOYDS

San Francisco, Jan. 11. The kin of two crew members of the liner "President Grant" filed with the Federal Court here a \$710,000 suit against the President Lines, Lloyds of London and the ship's captain, W. G. Tyrell.

They asserted that seamen Sergi Offeri and Abe Weisman were stranded ashore with 55 others when the Japanese attacked the Philippines in 1941. The suit charged that the captain failed to use an available motor launch to rescue them before leaving the harbour. The two seamen later perished on a Japanese prison ship.

A spokesman for the steamship company said the liner left under the Navy's orders. Associated Press.

ARMY SURPLUSES

Washington, Jan. 11. The Foreign Liquidation Commission to-day announced the sale of \$448,000,000 worth of Army surpluses including many badly needed foodstuffs. The largest transaction involved a sum of \$273,000,000 mostly for wheat and flour. Associated Press.

PICK-POCKET'S HAUL

Chung Man-kee, of No. 6, Essex Crescent, Kowloon Tsz, has reported to the Police that at about 2.30 p.m. yesterday while travelling on a bus from Prince Edward Road to the Star Ferry some person picked his pocket and stole his wallet containing HK\$1,200 and personal papers.

Greek Coalition Gets Regent's Blessing

Athens, Jan. 11. Greek Liberal and Populist parties announced yesterday the formation of a centre and right wing coalition.

The announcement came after striking streetcar, railway and power plant workers returned to their jobs after compromising with the government on demands for increased wages.

The new coalition provides full collaboration with minor conservative groups in establishing order and dealing with Greek problems and the forthcoming elections.

Sophodros Vontzolas, who led a segment of the Liberal Party into a coalition with the Populist and monarchist group, announced to-day that the merger had received the blessings of the Regent, Archbishop Damaskinos.

In an exclusive interview with Associated Press the former Premier said the Regent had

WALKIE-TALKIES AT FIRE

London, Jan. 11. The National Fire Service introduced "walkie-talkie" radio contact into fire fighting for the first time at a fire which last night damaged part of the London County Council Technical Institute.

Several officers of the National Fire Service had short-wave radio sets attached to their backs and were able to keep in contact with the control car. Router.

Mrs. Wright Heads Queues

LONDON, JAN. 11. AN 18-YEAR-OLD LAD, GORDON FAIRCHILD OF BRIGHTON, WALKED UP TO THE ENTRANCE OF CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER, SOON AFTER MIDNIGHT WITH A STACK OF SANDWICHES AND WATCHED AND WAITED.

The world was watching and waiting with him for the opening to-day of the United Nations Organisation. When the doors to the public gallery of Central Hall were opened this morning, Fairchild headed a queue of over 400 people.

Typical of those who waited was a housewife, Mrs. Grace Wright, who arrived at 7.30 a.m. "I think every housewife is interested in foreign affairs to-day," she said.

Another who waited for this historic conference of the United Nations was Corporal John Collier. He was in London on 48 hours leave. And after 6-1/2 years in the Royal Air Force he was determined to see the first stages of the peace-making. Collier was back from East Africa.

"To me and thousands of other soldiers this conference represents the only means we can use to settle disputes," he said, and added that, in common with thousands of demobilised servicemen, "I am interested and hope to see the instrument which will abolish war fashioned in this Assembly." Router.

Exiled Leader's Demands On Franco

MEXICO CITY, JAN. 11. A PLEBISCITE TO GIVE THE SPANISH NATION THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE FREELY BETWEEN A MONARCHIST OR A REPUBLICAN REGIME AFTER THE DOWNFALL OF GENERAL FRANCISCO FRANCO WAS RGED BY SENOR INDALECIO PRIETO, LEADER OF THE MAJORITY SECTION OF THE SPANISH SOCIALIST PARTY, THE PARTIDO SOCIALISTA OBRERO ESPANOL, AT A LECTURE TO SPANISH SOCIALIST PARTY YOUTH HERE.

DESCRIBING THE PARTY AS "THE BACKBONE OF THE FUTURE REPUBLIC," SENOR PRIETO STRESSED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES DID HE FAVOUR HOLDING THE PLEBISCITE WHILE GENERAL FRANCO IS STILL IN POWER.

Preliminary conditions necessary for the plebiscite, he declared, include: the fall of General Franco and the replacement of his regime by persons who have not taken part in the present regime; the dissolution of the Falange Party; an amnesty for all political prisoners; the re-establishment of the freedom of speech, assembly and association; the supervision of the plebiscite by an international organisation; the absence of all public force during the voting and public meetings held before

it; the free use of radio and other means of propaganda; and the adoption of measures necessary to prevent an armed rising that might suppress the expression of the popular will.

Senor Prieto declared that he understood the attitude of members of the Junta who previously approved the idea of holding a plebiscite to decide the future regime in Spain, but who now form part of the Spanish Government in exile and have changed their opinion.

The plebiscite idea, he explained, closely affects the question of the legitimacy of the Government in exile. If it supports the plebiscite, it must obviously renounce its right to be considered the legitimate government of Spain, since to give the nation the right to choose between a Monarchist or Republican regime would be to acknowledge that the Republican Government is not legitimate.

Senor Prieto countered Dr. Juan Negrin's argument that nine years of rule by General Franco and the Falangists had, as a result of the suppression of free speech, killed all possibility of Spaniards voting with a proper knowledge of their own desires, with instances of the overthrow of dictatorial regimes by popular vote during recent years.

"Terror never submerged the popular wish," he declared, commenting on the termination of the Primo de Rivera dictatorship which ended with the downfall of King Alfonso XIII and the proclamation of the Republic in 1931. "Another period of repression ended," he said, "with the February elections in 1936." Router.

CHINA ON WAY TO GENUINE UNITY

WASHINGTON, JAN. 11. LIGHTNING FAST POLITICAL CHANGES IN CHINA, SEEMINGLY CARRYING THE NATION TOWARD ITS GOAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY, BROUGHT THE NATION UNDER CLOSER AMERICAN ATTENTION.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER THE DECLARATION OF A TRUCE, THAT THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO LEGALISE ALL POLITICAL PARTIES, GUARANTEE FREEDOM OF PERSON, SPEECH, AND PUBLICATION, AND PROMOTE LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT, BROUGHT HOPE IN BOTH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL CIRCLES THAT CHINA FINALLY WAS DEFINITELY ON THE WAY TOWARD GENUINE UNITY.

Opening of the unity conference in Chungking was another development that further aroused hopes that the Chinese domestic cleavage finally was nearing an end.

American political circles joined in hoping that the political maneuvering at Chungking will in time bring China out of the Kuomintang-proclaimed period of one-party political tutelage and also make possible its commercial revolution, which Americans consider awaiting prior settlement of the country's political uncertainties.

MANY A SLIP

However, although strong hope is evident here that a new era of progress in China may be dawning, it is tempered by the feeling that the nation's political system may not yet have relieved itself of all explosive elements that may cause further dislocations.

Typical of that cautious view, the "Washington Post" commented: "It will be wise to await the final outcome of the present Chungking conference before unrestrained rejoicing. Nowhere is more true than in the Chinese political sphere that there is many a slip between the cup and the lip."

Thus, America's attitude is one of watchful waiting, intensified by a strong hope that the consultative conference will not bring disappointment. Associated Press.

War Machines For Peace

Examples of the skill of British precision engineering, which was a feature of Britain's war production and which will help win Britain's peace production drive, were on show for the first time yesterday.

They are to be seen at the London Exhibition of Gauge & Tool Makers which will be held until Jan. 18th.

The most striking feature of the exhibition is the number of entirely new machines developed for wartime purposes which can be turned straight over to peacetime production. For example, there is a new multiple gauge designed for highspeed testing of cannon shells. The gauge enables skilled workers to test up to 900 shells hourly, registering errors of half thousandths of an inch in each of six different dimensions. Each of these machines used in U.K. war factories saved ten thousand man-hours a year.

Another example of wartime engineering achievements available for increased peacetime production is a Cam Milling Machine built by the Coventry Gauge and Tool Co. It turns out millings in any desired shape to an accuracy of one millionth of an inch in any direction. Several types of gauges working to one millionth of an inch are exhibited. London Press Service.

YANGTZE SALVAGE

Shanghai, Jan. 11. After completing mine-sweeping operations in the Yangtze river, the Chinese Navy has now embarked on the difficult task of salvaging the numerous wrecks of ships sunk during the war, voluntarily to form booms or by enemy action—in this great waterway. Japanese technicians are helping in the work, which is not expected to be completed before two years. Router.

LAST BATCH

Washington, Jan. 11. The last of more than 5,000 Japanese war prisoners brought to the United States will leave the country on Wednesday from West Coast ports, it was reported to-day.

A group of 441 Japanese prisoners will sail from Los Angeles for Hawaii and another of 182, mostly officers and non-commissioned officers, will leave Seattle for Japan. Associated Press.

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